जोन का नाम	दर प्रति क्विंटल (रुपयों में)
कर्नाटक	
तमिलनाडु	
पश्चिमी जोन	
गुजरात	
महाराष्ट्र	697/- रुपये
पूर्वी जोन	
बिहार	
उडीसा	716/- रुपये
पश्चिमी बंगाल	
असम	
उत्तर-पूर्वी सीमांत	

Warehousing Policy for the North-East

1128. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating a warehousing policy for the North-Eastern States:

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, what measures for storage of seeds and other commodities have been taken by Government in view of the transport bottleneck the States of the Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government accords priority for construction of godowns in the North-Eastern States subject to availability of suitable land. As on 31.12.98 total owned storage capacity in these States by Food Corporation of india (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) & State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) is 5.40 lakh MTs. Various types of commodities such as seeds, fertilizers, agricultural produce etc. are stored in these godowns. Further, FCI propose to construct storage capacity of 0.63 lakh MTs during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Deterioration in the working of Super Bazar

1129. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the inventory holding and sales of Super Bazar during February, 1999 and how does that compare with the last twelve months, department-wise and month-wise;

(b) whether the inventory holding has not been coming down, but the sales have been going down steadily;

(c) if so, whether Government have gone into the causes of steady deterioration in the Working of Super Bazar; if so, what steps Government propose to take/have taken in the matter; and

(d) whether any proposal to abolish the Board of Directors and to appoint a hairman-cum-Managing Director and to induct professionals in the Super Bazar, to bring about improvement therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD ANDCONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The inventory holding and sales of the Super Bazar, Delhi for the month of February, 1999 have not yet been compiled by the Super Bazar. However, the sales and inventory holding of the Super Bazar for the 12 months ending January, 1999 are given in the Annexure the enclosed statement (See below). The Super Bazar, in an autonomous cooperative organization having its own Board of, Directors to deal with its business and other administrative matters. Govt. of India do not interfere in these matters.

The Super Bazar has informed that some of the causes with regard to fall in the sales figure are (i) general market recession. (ii) curbs on Governmental purchase, (iii) shortage of working capital due to non-payment or delayed payment made by Govt. Departments for goods procured by them on credit from Super Bazar. The Super Bazar has, however, taken various steps to increase its sales like reduction in the profit margin, realisation of the amount blocked up in credit sales and other administrative steps etc.

(d) No Sir. The bye-laws of the Super Bazar do not provide for appointment of a Chairman cum Managing Director of the Super Bazar.

(Amount in lakhs)

Month	1997 -98		1998-99	
	Sales	Inventory	Sales	Inventory
April			888.14	880.40
May			978.25	981.18
June			901.00	1036.89
July			999.30	1006.34
August			1033.40	953.00
September			1075.11	928.97
October			999.17	961.84
November			990.85	1016.81
December			986.76	1099.68
January			886.72	1054.88
February	1086.29	923.32		
March	1391.42	726.40		

Setting up of consumer information centres in Kerala cities

1130. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether working of the Consumer Disputes Redressal Agencies in the last three years was reviewed at the meeting of the Secretaries of Food and Civil Supplies;

(b) if so, what are the decisions taken to protect the interests of the consumers;

(c) whether it has been decided to establish consumer information centres at Trivandrum, Cochin and Kozhikkode in Kerala;

(d) whether the Kerala Government has requested for additional financial assistance for consumer information centres in these three cities and for providing infrastructure facilities in Idukki and Wand District in Kerala; and

(e) if so, what steps were taken to provide financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Some of the Important decisions taken to safeguard the interests of consumers were as follows:—

(i) States/UTs to ensure provision of adequate infrastructure and supporting staff to the Consumer Fora. In this connection, they were advised to fully utilize the one-time-